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BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH



# REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR **1971**

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TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I have the honour to present the annual report for the year 1971 on the health and environmental conditions of the district.

It would appear from the information now available for 1971 that the population is increasing slightly in the Borough and this is indicated by a number of factors such as increase in the number of dwellinghouses in the Borough by 208 and increase in the population of 347 over the previous year.

However, your attention is drawn to the table on page 4 which shows that there is a decline in the number of live births, but to counteract this there was also a decline in the number of deaths in the population as a whole.

It is pleasing to note that the infant mortality rate again decreased on the previous year, but too much emphasis cannot be given to this as it only needs a slight increase to upset the balance.

Once again there were no maternal deaths during the year, which is a good indication of the type of care afforded to expectant mothers both in and out of hospital.

The main causes of death are given on page 5 and again it will be noticed that the major causes of death are due to cancer, heart diseases, cerebral deaths, and bronchitis and other chest conditions.

With regard to the six infant deaths, again it will be noted that five of them occurred in the very early days of life and all of them were due to problems arising from premature birth. The only child to die of any infection was a two months' old girl who developed a viral pneumonia.

The only infectious disease which is of any consequence nowadays is that of measles, and this could be completely controlled if parents would be prepared to have their children immunised at the right time.

It is disconcerting to find that out of the six new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified, three of them occurred in children under the age of 13, unfortunately two of them in one family. Once again this emphasises the need to be vigilant against this disease and I personally shall not be happy until I can say that I had no notifications at any time.

With the approach of local government reorganisation it is imperative to retain the services and expertise of the public health inspectors as a group and that their services to the public should be retained as at present. I also feel that our representatives should make quite certain that this service remains locally based and is not centralised in some large block of offices. It is absolutely vital to the well-being of the area that public health inspectors should give a service to the public at large and should be easily accessible to the public and not hidden away in some isolated corner.

I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the members of the Committee, officers and staff for their valued support and co-operation during the whole of the year, and also in the preparation and layout of this report.

Yours sincerely,

T. S. JONES,

Medical Officer of Health

# SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Area: 2,420 acres

Population: Registrar-General's estimate of home population:

Mid-1971 ..... 32,838

1961 census ..... 34,191

Number of inhabited dwellings according to rate books at end of 1971: 11,309

Comprising 11,076 dwellinghouses

210 shops with living accommodation

23 public houses

Rateable value 1971/72: £1,174,322

Sum represented by a penny rate: £11,200

Social conditions are generally good, the area is mainly residential and the chief industries are bleaching, dyeing and finishing, and the manufacture of soap and toilet requisites.

## VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Birth rate per 1000</u> <u>home pop'n mid 1971</u>	<u>Prest-</u> <u>wich</u>	<u>Comparable</u> <u>figures for</u> <u>England and</u> <u>Wales</u>
Legitimate	328	168	160	Crude .....	10.5	
Illegitimate	23	12	11	Adjusted ...	11.2	16.0
<u>Stillbirths</u>				<u>Rate per 1000</u> <u>total births</u>		
Legitimate	3	2	1		14.00	12.0
Illegitimate	2	-	2			
<u>Deaths</u>	522	229	293	<u>Death rate per</u> <u>1000 estimated</u> <u>home pop'n</u> <u>mid 1971</u>		
				Crude .....	15.7	
				Adjusted ..	12.1	11.6
<u>Heart and</u> <u>circulatory</u> <u>diseases</u>				<u>Death rate per</u> <u>1000 estimated</u> <u>home pop'n</u> <u>mid 1971</u>	9.39	
<u>Malignant</u> <u>neoplasms, etc.</u>				do.	3.15	
<u>Pneumonia and</u> <u>bronchitis</u>				do.	1.15	

When a death occurs in Prestwich Hospital it is, if the patient has been in hospital for six months or more, assigned to Prestwich instead of being transferred to the area of the patient's home address. In consequence the total deaths and the mortality rates for the Prestwich area are correspondingly higher.

## Prestwich residents

Estimated population 32,838 less Prestwich Hospital residents (1,755 approx.)  
= 31,083

Mortality rates per 1,000 estimated population:

Total deaths (all forms) ..... 377 (396 in 1970)

Crude 11.88 (12.88 in 1970), adjusted 9.15 (9.92 in 1970)

"adjusted" means corrected to a standard population for the purpose of comparison with other districts.



COMPARATIVE STATISTICS  
1899 - 1971

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated population</u>	<u>Birth rate</u>	<u>Death rate</u>	<u>Rate of deaths of infants under 1 year per 1000 live births</u>
1899	11,085	18.8	14.9	138.7
1900	11,500	20.5	12.9	84.7
1908	11,500	21.5	13.3	72.5
1910	12,500	20.8	10.4	89.2
1911	14,260	20.4	12.0	133.5
1912	14,680	21.3	11.9	73.7
1913	15,000	22.0	11.8	48.4
1914	15,400	19.2	11.6	63.3
1918	15,380	11.6	14.9	59.0
1919	15,330	13.4	14.4	60.0
1920	15,941	18.8	11.6	69.0
1924	19,450	13.7	8.3	37.0
1925	19,610	12.2	9.6	66.0
1926	20,520	11.9	8.7	48.0
1927	21,120	12.7	10.9	52.0
1928	21,670	12.3	9.1	48.0
1929	21,590	11.3	10.5	69.0
1932	24,940	11.0	9.9	65.0
1933	26,100	10.7	9.6	42.0
1934	27,180	11.7	9.7	62.0
1935	29,120	11.4	10.0	54.0
1936	30,500	12.7	10.6	33.0
1937	31,710	14.4	10.1	56.0
1938	32,410	12.4	9.7	42.0
1939	32,410	11.4	10.1	26.0
1940	33,760	12.0	11.0	14.0
1941	33,910	10.8	10.1	38.0
1942	33,270	12.0	11.6	34.0
1943	32,380	14.6	11.2	42.0
1944	32,340	15.7	12.1	37.0
1945	32,400	15.6	10.5	39.0
1946	34,130	15.9	10.7	34.0
1947	34,220	17.3	11.3	48.0
1948	34,760	14.3	9.8	40.0
1949	34,730	12.5	10.9	23.0
1950	34,730	14.1	10.6	38.0
1951	34,370	13.8	12.7	21.0
1952	34,090	13.5	10.5	19.0
1953	34,120	13.2	14.0	24.0
1954	33,830	13.1	13.0	10.0
1955	33,810	12.6	14.5	20.0
1956	33,750	13.0	12.5	19.0
1957	33,640	14.5	12.1	28.0
1958	33,550	14.7	12.1	18.3
1959	33,510	15.4	13.5	6.6
1960	33,390	15.1	13.2	17.9
1961	34,000	14.0	13.0	9.5
1962	34,162	15.5	13.0	17.0
1963	34,160	14.5	12.1	8.7
1964	34,010	15.1	11.3	18.8
1965	34,000	13.8	11.6	9.1
1966	33,710	13.9	11.7	13.7
1967	33,480	13.6	11.0	17.0
1968	33,310	13.7	12.5	14.0
1969	33,060	13.3	12.9	19.0
1970	32,660	12.4	13.5	24.0
1971	32,838	11.2	12.1	18.0

Prestwich M.B.	Live births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal mortality		Under 1 year Total		Infant mortality			
	No. regd.	Rate per 1000 popn.	No. regd.	Rate per 1000 popn.	No. regd.	Rate per 1000 births	No.of deaths regd.	Rate per 1000 total bths.	No.of deaths regd.	Rate per 1000 live bths.	Neo-natal		Peri-natal	
											No.of deaths regd.	Rate per 1000 live bths.	No.of still- births plus deaths of infants under 1 wk. of age	Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths
Year 1971	351	10.5*	522	15.7*	5	14.0	Nil	Nil	6	17.0	4	11.0	9	25.0
1970	380	11.6*	573	17.5*	4	10.0	Nil	Nil	9	24.0	7	18.0	11	29.0
1969	411	12.4*	561	17.0*	7	17.0	Nil	Nil	8	19.0	5	12.0	11	26.0
1968	426	12.8*	532	16.0*	4	9.0	1	2.33	6	14.0	4	9.8	8	19.0
1967	424	12.7*	491	14.7*	7	16.0	Nil	Nil	7	17.0	7	17.0	14	32.0
1966	437	13.0*	548	16.3*	5	11.3	Nil	Nil	6	13.7	5	11.4	9	20.4
Average 5 yrs. 1966- 1970		12.5		16.3		12.6		0.47		17.5		13.6		25.3
Comparable figures England & Wales 1971		16.0		11.6		12.0		0.19		18.0		12.0		22.0

\*Adjusted (live birth rate comparability factor = 1.07 = 11.2 per 1000  
(death rate comparability factor = 0.77 = 12.1 per 1000



CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1971

<u>Cause of death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	1	1
2. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
3. Malignant neoplasm - buccal cavity, etc.	-	1	1
4.       "       "       - oesophagus	2	2	4
5.       "       "       - stomach	7	5	12
6.       "       "       - intestine	4	15	19
7.       "       "       - lung, bronchus	22	4	26
8.       "       "       - breast	-	10	10
9.       "       "       - uterus	-	2	2
10.       "       "       - prostate	1	-	1
11. Leukaemia	-	1	1
12. Other malignant neoplasms	12	10	22
13. Benign and unsuspected neoplasms	-	1	1
14. Diabetes mellitus	1	3	4
15. Other endocrine etc. diseases	1	-	1
16. Other diseases of blood, etc.	-	1	1
17. Mental disorders	1	6	7
18. Meningitis	1	-	1
19. Other diseases of nervous system	4	2	6
20. Chronic rheumatic heart diseases	-	6	6
21. Ischaemic heart diseases	100	90	190
22. Hypertensive disease	2	4	6
23. Other forms of heart disease	7	13	20
24. Cerebrovascular disease	15	28	43
25. Other diseases of the circulatory system	12	15	27
26. Influenza	-	1	1
27. Pneumonia	10	24	34
28. Bronchitis and emphysema	6	6	12
29. Asthma	-	2	2
30. Other diseases of the respiratory system	4	1	5
31. Peptic ulcer	1	2	3
32. Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	3	4
33. Cirrhosis of liver	1	-	1
34. Other diseases of digestive system	2	4	6
35. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
36. Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	2	2
37. Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	-	1	1
38. Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	1	1	2
39. Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	1	2
40. Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	1	2
41. Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	7	7
42. Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2
43. All other accidents	5	13	18
44. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	2	2
45. All other external causes	1	1	2
	<u>229</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>522</u>

The above table includes 145 deaths (70 males and 75 females) which occurred in Prestwich Hospital.

<u>Age at death</u>	<u>Deaths at all ages</u>	
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Under 4 weeks	2	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	1	1
1-	-	-
5-	1	-
15-	1	2
25-	-	1
35-	4	4
45-	17	19
55-	51	36
65-	81	68
75 and over	71	160
	<u>229</u>	<u>293</u>

### Causes of deaths of infants under one year

	<u>Male/female</u>	<u>Age</u>
Prematurity	Female	3 hours
"	Male	3 hours
Respiratory distress	Male	4 days
Pulmonary hypoplasia - Renal agenesis	Male	1 day
Viral pneumonia	Female	2 months
Heart failure	Female	1 day

### SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The Lancashire County Council, under the National Health Service Act, is the responsible authority for the provision and maintenance of local health services such as child welfare, mental health, care of school children, and care of the aged.

The Ambulance, District Nursing, Midwifery, and Maternity and Child Welfare Services provided by the County Council are administered under the Divisional Health Service Scheme by the Divisional Health Committee No.12 from headquarters in Bury.

Hospital facilities are provided and maintained through the Regional Hospital Board and Hospital Management Committees. Patients are admitted without regard to local authority boundaries.

The Borough Council is responsible for the provision of the remainder of local health services and the whole of those matters likely to affect or be concerned with the maintenance of high standards of environmental health. These services include -

- Control of infectious disease (including food poisoning)
- Provision of suitable water supplies
- Control of food and food preparing premises (including the sampling of milk, ice-cream and other foodstuffs for bacteriological examination)
- Provision of sanitary accommodation to houses, factories, shops and other premises, and the provision of public sanitary conveniences
- Inspection of houses with regard to fitness for human habitation and improvements
- Detection and prevention of nuisances
- Prevention of atmospheric pollution
- Control of rat, mouse and insect infestations
- Control of cleansing, disposal of refuse and sewage

The examination of milk, water, ice-cream and samples of other foods, and the examination of pathological specimens is undertaken without charge to the Borough by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Public Health Laboratory, Withington, Manchester.

### SECTION C. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The infectious disease notifications for 1971 showed a decrease on those for 1970 (110 against 253) and this was mainly due to a decrease in the number of notifications of measles, the comparable figure being 80 against 224. There were 8 notifications of whooping cough against 4 in 1970.

There were 6 cases of respiratory tuberculosis notified during the year. There was a total of 36 cases on the register at the end of the year, 3 of which were in Prestwich Hospital.



Cases of infectious disease notified during 1971

Notifiable diseases	Total cases at all ages	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 & over	Total deaths
Scarlet fever	3			1	1				1				-
Whooping cough	8			5	2		1						-
Measles	80	4	3	7	8	7	34	10	3	4			-
Dysentery	1									1			-
Acute pneumonia primary and influenzal	Nil												-
Typhoid fever	Nil												-
Erysipelas	Nil												-
Food poisoning	6	1					1		1		1	2	-
Tuberculosis respiratory	6							2		2	2		3
Others	1							1					-
Puerperal pyrexia	Nil												-
Infective jaundice	2								1		1		-
Meningococcal infections	1	1											-
Acute post infectious encephalitis	1	1											-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	1											-
Totals	110	8	3	13	11	7	36	13	6	7	4	2	3

Vaccination and immunisation of children for the year 1971

Under the auspices of the Lancashire County Council vaccinations and immunisations against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles and smallpox were carried out in the district during the year. Details are appended below.

Primary - by year of birth

<u>Children protected against</u>	<u>1971*</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1964-67</u>	<u>Others under 16</u>	<u>Total</u>
Diphtheria	8	222	86	11	11	2	340
Whooping cough	8	222	86	11	10	Nil	337
Tetanus	8	222	86	11	12	2	341
Poliomyelitis	7	214	78	10	7	Nil	316
Measles	Nil	59	66	29	25	Nil	179
Rubella	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	169	169

Reinforcement - by year of birth

Diphtheria	Nil	2	5	9	349	57	422
Whooping cough	Nil	1	3	6	25	Nil	35
Tetanus	Nil	1	5	8	327	56	397
Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil	8	Nil	349	13	370
Measles	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Vaccination against smallpox

<u>Primary vaccinations (age in years)</u>				<u>Re-vaccinations (age in years)</u>			
<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2-</u>	<u>5-15</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Under 2</u>	<u>2-</u>	<u>5-15</u>	<u>Total</u>
		(incl)	(under 16)			(incl)	(under 16)
74	48	9	131	Nil	Nil	31	31

\*You will note that the figures shown for 1971 refer only to vaccinations of children born in that year.





August 1972.

To The Worshipful the Mayor and  
all Members of the Council.

I have the honour to present to you, in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health, my 15th Annual Report on the work of environmental health carried out during 1971.

A great deal of progress has been made during the year in the fields of housing and clean air.

From the progress map incorporated in this report it will be observed that a completely smokeless Prestwich will become a reality by the time this authority becomes part of the new Metropolitan District (C) on 1st April 1974. At the time of writing the No.11A(Heaton Park) Smoke Control Order has been in operation for over a month. The last Smoke Control Order No.12(Sedgley Park Road)is expected to be submitted to the Department of the Environment by the end of 1972.

Again our pollution figures measured continually since 1958 show a great improvement in the cleanliness of the air and the concentrations of sulphurdioxide as compared with those recorded prior to smoke control measures. The fuel crisis early in the year did prove that whilst smoke control orders were temporarily suspended and coal was burned, concentrations of smoke increased. The histogram in the report clearly illustrates these facts. In dealing with the remainder of the unfit houses a total of 60 houses were represented in 5 clearance areas in 1971. Since 1956 602 houses have been included in 46 clearance areas and now leaves only one area of 37 unfit houses to be represented in October 1972 to complete the clearance of all unfit houses not capable of improvement in the Borough.

With the Council supporting the department's efforts to deal with the older houses which, although structurally sound, lack one or more of the standard amenities, 20 applications for discretionary grants and 50 for standard grants were approved during the year. The first General Improvement Area is almost completed and a second, five times as large, has now been declared following the Public Meeting last April. These two areas are being given a new look by the provision of better streets, lighting, tree planting, pedestrian ways and the like.

An exhibition showing local improvements in the environment, including housing, three showhouses and an abundance of publicity and personal visits, has encouraged people to repair and improve their homes. The 75% grant which was recently extended to cover Prestwich has also helped to achieve the increase in the number of houses improved.

There were no staff changes during the year. About 806 complaints were received in connection with a variety of public health and housing matters, including pests. A record number of over 5,000 inspections including re-visits were made by the relatively small inspectorial staff.

I would very much like to express my thanks to Alderman M.Baker, J.P., members of the Council, fellow officers and all my loyal staff, for their continued help and co-operation.

I am, Mr.Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

E.WHEELER,

Chief Public Health Inspector  
and Improvement Officer.



## SECTION D. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

With the exception of the semi-rural area of Simister, which has its own small sewage works, practically all sewage from the district is conveyed through the Council's sewers to a modern sewage disposal plant off Buckley Lane. Pumping stations are provided in the low lying areas to boost the flow along the main sewerage system. The main works deal with about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  million gallons dry weather flow by sedimentation and filtration with humus tanks. Some effluent is re-circulated. In some parts of the town, owing to variation in levels, sewage flows into the Manchester sewers. There are now only 8 pail closets in use in the Borough where the sewer is not within reasonable distance of the premises. My records also show that there are only five waste water closets now in use.

Over the past few years a great deal of new development has taken place in Simister resulting in the small sewage works becoming overloaded. A new scheme is now going ahead to pump Simister to the main works. During the year approximately 243 new dwellings have been connected to the main sewer.

1. Refuse disposal. The Council operate a full scale system of controlled tipping and this method has proved to be most successful. All refuse is tipped, according to the Ministry of Health's recommendations, on Carr Meadow, and a modern Track Marshall bulldozer permanently stationed on the tip consolidates and levels the refuse. A Muirhill hydraulic shovel digs out suitable cover material from the sewage works land, loads it on to a three cubic yard dumper which transports it to the tip about a mile away. Refuse is covered after every load and effectively sealed at the end of each working day. Regular visits are made to check on vermin and insects and when necessary treatments are carried out. The tip is regularly treated to prevent any serious infestation of crickets and a special treatment is carried out each Spring and Autumn.

It has been noticed that since the change over to full scale controlled tipping in 1962, when the disposal works were demolished, there have been practically no complaints about the tip, and the incidence of rodents, insects and other pests has shown a remarkable decrease.

2. Refuse collection. The Council's policy is to maintain a regular 7 day collection of refuse from all houses in the Borough with the exception of an outlying area in Heywood Old Road where, by arrangement, the refuse is collected by Middleton Corporation. The 7 day collection is mainly due to the inauguration of a bonus scheme for the collectors which was adopted by the Council and came into force on 1st April 1963.

Owing to the changes in the composition of refuse and its more bulky nature, compression type vehicles have proved most successful in this area; the collection fleet now consists of three Dennis Paxits, two S. & D. vehicles and one Revopak, which are all of the compression type. In addition a Karrier Bantam and Commer Side Loader are used as extra vehicles when needed.

### PROVISION OF DUSTBINS

Unlike many neighbouring authorities, Prestwich does not operate a municipal dustbin scheme but has found that the normal replacement of dustbins by the owners and occupiers works very well. Owners are informed that standard dustbins can be supplied and delivered through the Corporation at current prices and many take advantage of this service. In Council owned property bins are replaced free of charge. It was only necessary to serve three notices under s.75 of the Public Health Act 1936 during the year.



# SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS IN 1971

(Figures in brackets denote re-visits)

Animal boarding establishments	2	(-)	Noise abatement	22	(7)
Caravans	-	(-)	Offices, Shops & Railway		
Clean Air Act 1956 -			Premises Act 1963	35	(32)
Smoke control:			Pet Animal Act	3	(-)
Contraventions	26	(2)	Petroleum Acts	2	(5)
Chimney heights	-	(-)	Public conveniences	13	(-)
Surveys	582	(3)	Public Health Acts:		
Adaptations	486	(22)	Septic tanks	-	(-)
Atmospheric pollution	-	(-)	Infectious disease	49	(24)
Smoke observations	62	(30)	Dirty conditions	18	(39)
Delivery of letters	-	(-)	Verminous	12	(3)
Drains obstructed and defective	159	(154)	Offensive smells	50	(34)
Private sewers obstructed and defective	4	(5)	Keeping of animals	5	(4)
Public sewers obstructed and defective	76	(120)	Housing defects	194	(369)
Explosives Act, keeping of fireworks	2	(-)	Accums.waste material	132	(87)
Factories Act:			Defective drainage	15	(34)
General inspections	5	(1)	" closets s.45	-	(1)
Outworkers	-	(-)	" bins s.75	5	(7)
Farms	-	(-)	Disinfection T.B.etc.	1	(1)
Food and Drugs Act 1955:			Disinfestation, fleas, etc	7	(4)
Sampling - milk	19	(-)	Riding Establishment Act	4	(1)
cream	-	(-)	Rodent Control	153	(45)
other foods	-	(-)	Schools	-	(-)
Registrations - ice cream	2	(2)	Shops Act 1950:		
preserved food	-	(1)	General inspections	2	(-)
Unsound food	31	(6)	Reg.of Jewish traders	1	(-)
Food poisoning	-	-	Tips	-	(-)
Food Hygiene Regs.1960:			Waste food boiling plants	1	(-)
Bakehouses	-	(-)	Water - Sampling	1	(-)
Bakers & confectioners	5	(8)	Percolations	22	(21)
Butchers	13	(10)	Culvert & courses	8	(5)
Canteens	1	(11)	Miscellaneous	190	(7)
Clubs and licensed premises	10	(8)			
Fishmongers	7	(4)	TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS	2901	
Grocers	38	(14)	" " RE-VISITS	1370	
Greengrocers	11	(6)	" " VISITS 1971	4271	
Restaurants & snack bars	7	(5)	" " VISITS 1970	4865	
Sweets & tobacco etc.	-	(-)			
Fish & chip shops	9	(1)			
Dairies	8	(6)			
Food vehicles					
New regulations	11	(6)			
Registration of hawkers	3	(1)			
Hairdressing establishments	3	(2)			
Housing Acts:					
Defects s.9	6	(4)			
" s.16	11	(4)			
Demolition/closing orders	2	(12)			
Clearance areas	141	(14)			
Improvement area - surveys	9	(21)			
Well maintained payments	-	(-)			
Overcrowding	1	(-)			
Multiple occupation	3	(2)			
Improvement/standard grants	79	(63)			
Certificates of disrepair	-	-			
Qualification certificates	84	(83)			
House mortgages	-	(-)			
Housing applications	10	(4)			
Insects, bees, wasps, etc.	28	(5)			



## CLEAN AIR ACT 1956. SMOKE CONTROL.

The map and table on the following page show the current position regarding the establishment of smoke control areas throughout the Borough.

### FACTORY CHIMNEYS

There are now only seven factory chimneys in use within the Borough, four of which serve mechanically fired Lancashire boilers burning coal, two serve oil fired Lancashire boilers and one serves a forge burning coke.

### MEASUREMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

#### Winter pollution data 1961-71

##### Smoke - Town Hall

	61-2	62-3	63-4	64-5	65-6	66-7	67-8	68-9	69-70	70-71
Winter averages	469	367	253	331	193	170	203	170	147	172
Peak concentrations	4043	1829	1668	1805	1191	2712	1085	809	976	1344
No.of days over 500 ug/m3	44	36	17	27	8	6	12	3	8	9

##### Smoke - Butterstile Lane

Winter averages	376	392	247	268	160	146	171	117	-	-
Peak concentrations	4541	2725	1923	1277	1055	1746	956	398	-	-
No.of days over 500 ug/m3	33	37	26	25	6	7	10	NIL	-	-

##### Sulphur dioxide - Town Hall

Winter averages	224	270	229	323	231	229	275	206	192	228
Peak concentrations	2294	1518	875	1912	1094	2297	1122	887	1035	1370
No.of days over 500 ug/m3	19	16	9	34	9	8	17	4	6	8

##### Sulphur dioxide - Butterstile Lane

Winter averages	388	421	271	335	214	207	234	157	-	-
Peak concentrations	3706	2146	1215	1914	1189	1696	1390	691	-	-
No.of days over 500 ug/m3	27	29	17	28	6	11	13	2	-	-

Measurements in microgrammes per cubic metre were made daily at the Health Department at the Town Hall; the station at Manchester Corporation Water-works pumphouse in Butterstile Lane was discontinued in 1969.

The histogram which follows clearly illustrates the remarkable decrease in the concentrations of both smoke and sulphur dioxide since 1961 when smoke control measures were first put into operation. There was five times as much smoke in the air in the winter of 1961/62 than during last winter.

#### Progress in the Greater Manchester Area including Prestwich.

Prëstwich Council is represented on three Clean Air bodies and its efforts to improve the environment especially in regard to the amount of pollution in the air compares most favourably with the other 54 local authorities in the Greater Manchester Area. This is shown on the coloured map which follows headed "Progress in Smoke Control". The map comprises 208,644 acres of which over 60% is now covered by operative smoke control orders and includes 516,429 acres or 61% of all the houses in the Greater Manchester Area.



## CONTROL OF INFESTATION

During the year the Pests Officer successfully treated various nuisances arising on tips, in dwellinghouses and other premises from the presence of crickets, beetles, cockroaches, etc. These were successfully eradicated with modern liquid and powder insecticides. All types of infestations at Prestwich Hospital are dealt with by the Pests Officer and a charge is made in all cases.

The houses, clothing and furniture of prospective Council tenants are inspected before tenancies are taken up. Any infested houses are disinfested prior to removal.

There were four bug infestations during the year.

Wasp infestations were higher than in the previous year and 28 nests were successfully treated by spraying with DDT.

## DISINFECTION

Disinfection in cases of infectious disease is carried out by formalin spray or formalin vapour only in those premises where it is considered necessary by the Medical Officer of Health.

## THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The Council employ a full time Pests Officer and all complaints of infestation are investigated and a treatment carried out if necessary. Tips, allotments, etc. are also investigated to ensure that reinfestations have not arisen since the previous treatment. Appended is an analysis of the various types of infestation.

	<u>Type of property</u>	
	<u>Non-agric-</u> <u>ultural</u>	<u>Agricult-</u> <u>ural</u>
No. of properties in district	12,960	17
Total no. of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	433	-
No. infested by rats	180	-
No. infested by mice	253	-

The Pests Officer made 2,090 visits investigating and treating infestations compared with 2,018 visits in 1970. Regular treatments were carried out at Prestwich Hospital. The treatment of rodent infestation in private houses is carried out as a free service but a charge is made for any treatment carried out in business premises or agricultural property.

## SEWER MAINTENANCE TREATMENTS

### Prestwich town sewers

During the year a treatment was carried out on the town's sewers using Fluorakil 3 which is a proprietary brand of sodium fluoracetate. This is a direct poison which has proved outstandingly effective in previous sewer treatments. No test baiting was carried out but care was taken to ascertain the distribution and degree of infestation from previous records and to treat accordingly. A total of 287 manholes were poison baited.

## SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE RODENT CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Health Committee and the Chief Public Health Inspector were again appointed to serve on this Committee, which meets four times a year.



BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH  
PROGRESS IN SMOKE CONTROL

Area: 2,420 acres  
Premises: 11,685



STREET MAP OF  
**PRESTWICH**  
AND DISTRICT

Scale 0 1/4 1/2 3/4 Three Quarters of a Mile

No.	ORDER	DATE	ACRES	PREMISES	No.	ORDER	DATE	ACRES	PREMISES
1	Butt Hill	1.9.58	21.0	120	7B	Clifton Rd.	1.7.68	202.4	521
2	Carr Clough	1.9.61	42.0	491	8	Prestwich Vill.	1.7.69	109.0	845
3	Kersal Close	1.11.60	1.2	15	9	Simister	1.7.70	908.2	1305
4	Agecroft Rd.	1.11.62	80.0	515	10	Heys Rd.	1.7.71	53.7	1169
5	Hilton Park	1.7.63	272.8	669	10A	Langley & P'fd	1.7.74	59.5	464
6A	Bent Hill	1.11.63	103.0	588	11	2 Heaton Pk.	1.7.73	27.8	904
6B	Prestwich Pk.	1.11.63	177.0	766	11A	1 Heaton Pk.	1.7.72	10.0	180
7A	Church Drive	1.7.67	58.5	487	12	Sedgley/Pk.Rd.	1.7.74	293.9	2646
Denotes Smoke Control Orders Not Yet Submitted							Totals	2420.0	11685







# BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH

## MEASUREMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

WINTER AVERAGES

■ SMOKE

□ SO<sub>2</sub>

%  
Denotes proportion of the total number of premises  
in the Borough under Smoke Control

500

400

microgrammes per cubic metre

300

200

100

1961-62

% 4.50

1962-63

8.91

1963-64

26.23

1964-65

26.23

1965-66

26.23

1966-67

26.23

1967-68

27.08

1968-69

35.72

1969-70

43.04

1970-71

54.21

1971-72

64.22

%

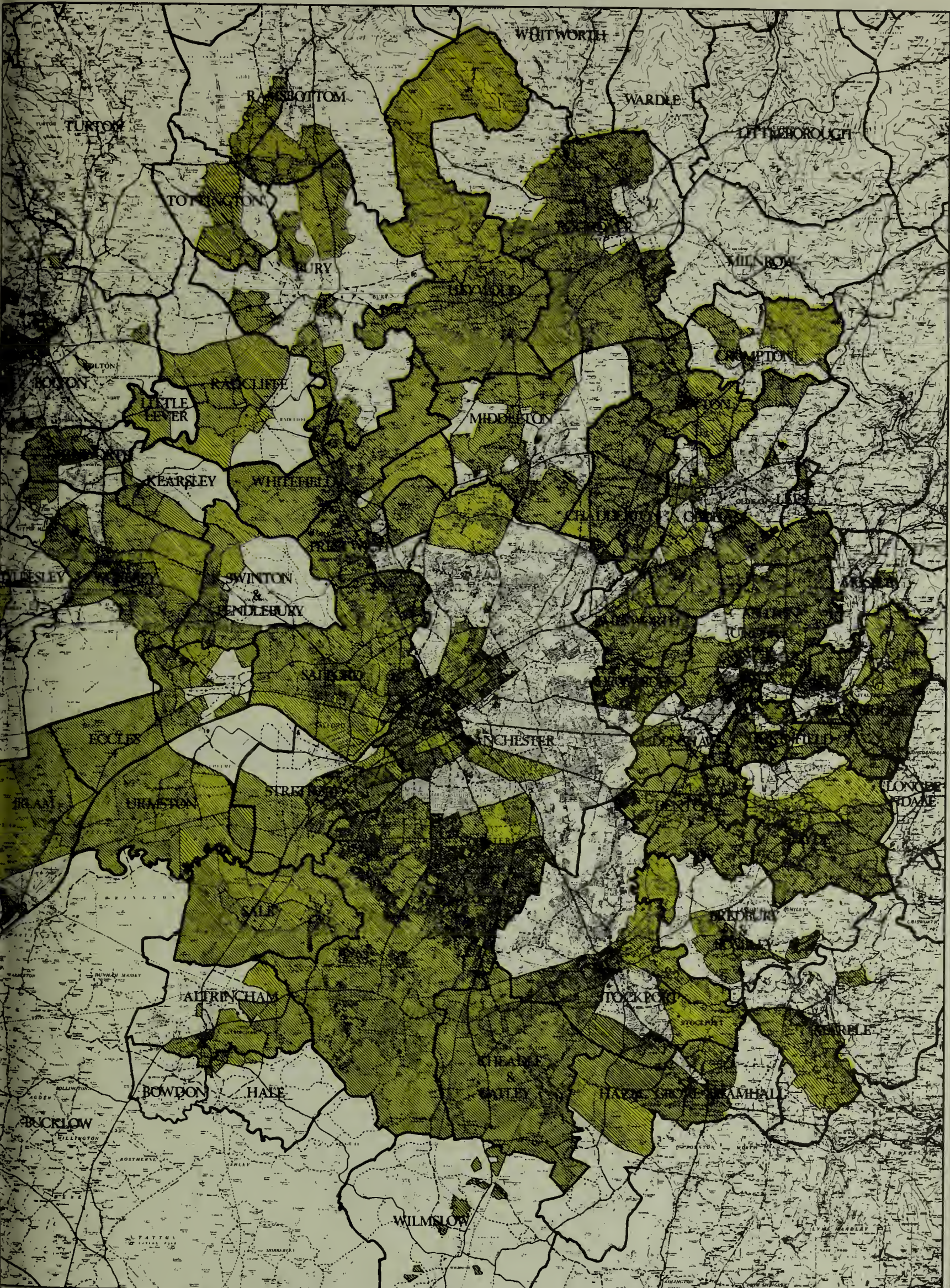
Fuel Crisis

Power Cuts





# PROGRESS IN SMOKE CONTROL



SMOKE CONTROL  
AREAS IN OPERATION BY 1.12.72  
SCALE: 2½ INS TO 1 MILE

S. E. LANCS & N. CHESH. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE  
INVESTIGATION OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

E. WHEELER CPHI  
CARTOGRAPHER,  
PRESTWICH.





## SECTION E. HOUSING.

### HOUSING CONDITIONS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF OLDER PROPERTY

The Housing Act 1969 enabled the Council to re-examine its policy on housing and to give more attention to improvement now that the clearance programme is almost completed.

Prestwich is a matured residential town of some 2,420 acres with a declining population of over 32,000. There are over 11,000 dwellings of which close on 2,000 are Council owned.

Since 1956 over 600 of the oldest properties have been dealt with by progressive clearance procedure and by the end of 1972 the representation of the last area of 37 houses will see the end of all the poorer type houses in the Borough. This leaves a number of properties built just prior to 1914 which, though structurally sound, lack one or more of the basic standard amenities.

The Council after considering a report on a survey of the Borough agreed to designate three parts of the Heaton Park area as general improvement areas and to encourage owners of properties without the basic amenities to improve their homes. To this end they will now consider grants of up to 75% for all improvement works together with certain repair grants. Loans will also be considered to cover the cost of any works of repair and improvement not covered by grants. The following table sets out the statistical information obtained from the housing survey carried out in the Heaton Park area and a plan showing the proposals for the No.2 General Improvement Area is overleaf. The first general improvement area is now nearing completion.

#### Housing survey of Heaton Park area

<u>Proposed</u> <u>G.I.A.</u>	<u>Fit houses</u> <u>in area</u>	<u>Standard amenities</u>		<u>Unfit houses</u> <u>included in</u> <u>clearance areas</u>
		<u>Houses with all</u>	<u>Houses lacking</u> <u>one or more</u>	
1	114	76	38	69
2	431	314	117	73
3	303	234	69	Nil

#### 1. HOUSING ACT 1969.

##### Qualification certificates.

Since the Act came into operation in 1969 up to 31st December 1971 a total of 156 applications have been received. Details of the numbers issued and refused are as follows:-

		<u>1969/70</u>	<u>1971</u>
No. of provisional qualification certificates issued	.....	35	25
No. of qualification certificates			
(i) issued	.....	43	35
(ii) refused	.....	101	51

#### 2. CLEARANCE OF UNFIT PROPERTIES

Details of the last remaining area to complete the Council's clearance area programme follows, also details of progress in dealing with unfit properties since 1955.

<u>Houses in area to be declared</u>			<u>No.</u>
15-41 Newtown Street	.....		14
1-23 Wilton Street	.....		12
2-22 Wilton Street	.....		11
Total			<u>37</u> houses

# CLEARANCE AREA PROGRESS SINCE 1955

<u>No.</u>	<u>Clearance Area</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>houses</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Clearance Area</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>houses</u>
*1	Infant Street 1956	31	*24	Clifton Road 1969	4
*2	Whittaker Lane 1957	4	*25	Newtown Street 1969	9
*3A	Newtown Street 1959	17	26	Chester Street 1969	14
*4	Clayton Street 1962	36	27	Blackburn Street 1969	6
*5	Chapel Road 1961	9	28	Ostrich Lane 1969	Withdrawn
*6	Longfield 1962	49	29	Ostrich Lane No.1-1969	19
*7	Rainsough Brow 1963	4	30	Ostrich Lane No.2-1969	8
*8	Rectory Lane and Bowman Street 1964	29	31	Ogden Street and Park Street 1969	32
*9	Sharp Street 1963	Withdrawn	*32	Greengate Lane 1970	4
*10	Chester Street 1963	7	33	Church Lane 1970	Withdrawn
*11	Ramsbottom Row 1963	9	*34	Church Lane, Even numbers, 1970	3
*12	Flashfields 1965	4	35	Bury Old Road 1970	2
*13	Simister Lane 1965	3	36	Church Lane 1970	7
*14	Simister Lane 1965	9	37	Edward Street 1970	30
*15	Chapel Street 1966	31	38	Chester Street 1970	14
*16	Sherbourne Street 1966	42	40	Naseby Place 1971	17
*17	Derby Street 1966	14	39	Rainsough 1971	24
*18	Clifton Road 1967	4	41	Chapel Road 1971	6
*19	Bent Lane 1967	4	42A	Rainsough Brow 1972	6
*20	Wallis Street 1967	10	42B	Rainsough Brow 1971	7
*21	Poppythorn Lane 1967	8	43	Snowhill Terrace 1971	6
*22	Barrow Street 1967	14	44	Bailey Street 1972	15
*23	Greenhill 1968	9	46	Vine Street 1972	5
				Total	<u>602</u>

\*Denotes houses demolished.

## 3. INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

The following information relates to the closing or demolition of individually unfit houses since 1956.

(a)	<u>Demolition orders</u>		
	Houses demolished up to December 1970	.....	18
	Houses demolished during 1971 -		
	13 and 14 Ainsdale Avenue	.....	<u>2</u>
			<u>20</u>
(b)	<u>Closing orders</u>		
	Houses closed up to December 1970	.....	67
	Houses closed during 1971 -		
	63 Rectory Lane		
	"Wellbank", Lowther Road		
	436 and 438 Bury Old Road		
	433 Bury Old Road		
	30 Leach Street	.....	<u>6</u>
			<u>73</u>

## 4. HOUSING STATISTICS 1971

(1)	<u>Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year</u>	
1(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	299
(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	390
2.	Dwellinghouses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit	
(a)	Number found during year	13
(b)	Number (or estimated number) at end of year (clearance areas)	101
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	158





HEATON PARK

BURY OLD ROAD

KENYON LANE

BEDFORD ST

MILL

CHURCH

MILL

12 FLATS

12G

RAILWAY CUTTING

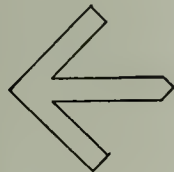
CHURCH

BOWLING GREEN




RECREATION ST

RAILWAY EMBANKMENT

HEATON STREET



**KEY**

-  **NEEDING IMPROVEMENT**
-  **IMPROVED WITH GRANT AID**
-  **OWNER OCCUPIER**

**BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH  
HEATON PARK PHASE 2  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSALS**





(2) <u>Houses demolished</u>		<u>Demolished</u>	<u>No.of persons displaced</u>	<u>Families</u>
(a) <u>In clearance areas</u>				
Houses unfit for human habitation .....		82	90	33
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.		Nil	Nil	Nil
Houses on land acquired under s.43(2) Housing Act 1957..		10	Nil	Nil
(b) <u>Not in clearance areas</u>				
As a result of formal or informal procedure under s.17(1) Housing Act 1957 .....		5	Nil	Nil
Local authority owned houses certified unfit by M.O.H.		Nil	Nil	Nil
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Act 1957...		Nil	Nil	Nil
Unfit houses included in unfitness orders .....		Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) <u>Unfit houses closed</u>				
Under ss.16(4), 17(1), 35(1) of Housing Act 1957 .....		11	12	4
Under ss.17(3) and 26 of Housing Act 1957 .....		Nil	Nil	Nil
Parts of buildings closed under s.18 of Housing Act 1957 .....		Nil	Nil	Nil
(4) <u>Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied</u>				
			<u>By owner</u>	<u>By local authority</u>
After informal action by local authority ...			11	Nil
After formal notice under				
(a) Public Health Acts .....			11	Nil
(b) Ss.9 & 16 Housing Act 1957 .....			Nil	Nil
(c) Under s.24 Housing Act 1957 .....			Nil	Nil
(5) <u>Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957):</u> Nil				
(6) <u>Purchase of houses by agreement:</u> Nil				
(7) <u>Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 - Improvement grants, etc:</u> Nil				
(8) <u>House Purchase and Housing Act 1959 and Housing Acts 1961, 1964 and 1969</u>				
<u>Standard grants</u>			<u>No.of dwellings or other build- ings affected</u>	
			<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
<u>Action during year:</u>				
Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to full standard .....			44	47
Applications approved by local authority for improvement to reduced standard .....			Nil	Nil
Total applications approved by local authority..			32	36
Work completed .....			11	11
Action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings .....			Nil	Nil



## 5. STANDARD AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

All applications for both standard and improvement grants are dealt with through the Borough Engineer but are not proceeded with until a certificate of fitness is issued by the Chief Public Health Inspector. In the case of a standard grant the certificate states whether or not, after the proposed works have been completed, the house would be fit or likely to remain fit for 15 years. For an improvement grant this period is extended to cover 30 years' life of the property. The majority of applications have satisfied these requirements but there have been a few cases where there have been considerable dampness and disrepair which has prevented the applicant from obtaining a grant until the property has been rendered fit for human habitation for the required period of time. This co-operation between departments works very well and is also a check against grants being issued in connection with houses which may be closed as unfit or likely to be included in clearance areas or redevelopment schemes.

## 6. OVERCROWDING

Several investigations were made into alleged moral overcrowding and lack of bedroom accommodation at the request of the Housing Department. In a few cases moral overcrowding due to insufficient bedroom accommodation was found, but there were no cases of legal overcrowding.

## 7. DETAILS OF NOTICES SERVED

(a) <u>Informal notices</u>	<u>No.served</u>	<u>No.complied with</u>
<u>Public Health Acts 1936/61</u>		
Housing other defects	101	64
Housing unfit	13	11
Other than housing	50	21
Dustbins	8	4
<u>Food Hygiene Regulations</u>		
Provision of w.h.b.	4	Nil
Provision of sinks	Nil	1
Cleanliness	40	22
Miscellaneous	49	30
<u>Housing Acts</u>	44	2
<u>Factories Act 1961</u>		
s.1 Cleanliness	-	-
s.7 Sanitary conveniences		
(a) insufficient	-	-
(b) unsuitable	2	Nil
(c) not separate	-	-
Other	-	-
Market stalls - Delivery vehicles	5	3
<u>Offices, Shops &amp; Railway</u>		
<u>Premises Act 1963</u>		
Cleanliness	17	7
Lighting	4	2
Ventilation	4	1
Sanitary conveniences	14	Nil
Washing facilities	5	4
Miscellaneous	67	21
Information	-	-
<u>Shops Act 1950</u>		
Miscellaneous	1	Nil
Totals	<u>428</u>	<u>193</u>

(b) <u>Statutory notices</u>	<u>No.served</u>	<u>No.complied with</u>
<u>Public Health Act 1936</u>		
s.75	3	2
s.93	12	11
s.56	-	-
s.45	2	1
s.39	11	8
s.24	33	22
s.34	-	1
s.83	Nil	1
<u>Public Health Act 1961</u>		
s.15	Nil	Nil
s.17	12	12
s.18	1	1
s.26	1	2
s.34	12	3
<u>Housing Acts</u>		
s.16	-	-
Totals	<u>87</u>	<u>63</u>

#### SECTION F. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Since the implementation of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966, every effort has been made to ensure that all hawkers and firms delivering foodstuffs within the Borough have maintained their vehicles to the standards required to secure full compliance with the Regulations. All vehicles have now been inspected and where necessary reinspected to ensure that the necessary standards are being maintained.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF FOOD BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH

General grocers and provision dealers	66
Greengrocers and fruiterers (incl. those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	31
Fishmongers (incl. those selling poultry, game, etc.)	6
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe etc)	32
Bakers and/or confectioners	15
Fried fish shops	12
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream, etc.	43
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments	53
Others comprising 30 food vehicles (hawkers) and 1 dairy	31
	<u>289</u>

#### REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREMISES

<u>Type of business</u>	<u>Legislation under which registration effected</u>	<u>No. regd. 31.12.71</u>	<u>No. of inspections of regd. premises during year</u>
<u>Sale, preparation or manufacture of preserved food, etc.</u>			
Butchers	Lancs. County Council (Rivers Board & General Powers) Act 1938. Food & Drugs Act 1955.	19	14
<u>Sale and manufacture of ice cream</u>			
Cafes	-do-	2	3
<u>Sale of ice cream</u>			
Grocers and sugar confectionery shops	-do-	76	42
Hawkers of food	Lancs. County Council (General Powers) Act 1951	30	14

#### MEAT SUPPLY

There are no registered slaughterhouses in the district.



## MILK SUPPLY

All milk supplies have been regularly sampled by the County Council's officers during the year. In all 62 samples of milk were obtained from sources of supply which served the Borough.

## SAMPLING

(1) Milk. 26 samples of milk have been taken by our own inspectors, the results of which are given below.

<u>Designation</u>	<u>No. of samples</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Ungraded	9	7	2
Pasteurised	12	10	2
Sterilised	5	5	Nil

(2) Ice cream. Eleven samples of ice cream were obtained from manufacturers and retailers in the Borough and submitted for bacteriological examination. They were reported on as follows: Provisional grade I - 8 samples, grade II - 3 samples.

(3) Fresh cream. Four samples of fresh cream were obtained from retailers in the Borough and submitted for bacteriological examination. They were all reported on as satisfactory.

## ADULTERATION, ETC. Sampling under the Food and Drugs Act 1955.

The Lancashire County Council administer the above and I am indebted to Dr. C. H. T. Wade, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following particulars of samples taken within the district in 1971. A total of 117 samples was obtained comprising 62 milks (12 of which were Channel Islands Milk) and 55 others, as follows:-

2 jam	1 garlic powder
1 chicken soup canned	1 sweet pudding mix
1 vegetable soup canned	1 ground almonds
1 beans in tomato sauce	1 marzipan
1 sterilised cream	1 tomato puree
2 marmalade	1 biscuits
1 butter	1 soured cream
1 lard	1 coffee extract dry
1 cherries canned	1 rice canned
1 cough syrup	1 pea soup canned
1 tuna steak canned	1 savoury biscuits
1 processed cheese	1 salami
1 analgesic tablets	3 fish canned
1 flour confectionery	1 part steak kidney and mushroom pie
1 bread fingers (pkt)	2 blackcurrant drink to be diluted
1 bread	1 smoked salmon
1 soup dehydrated	1 table jelly crystals
2 tomatoes canned	1 beans canned
1 cheese	1 barley soup
1 part Crunchie bar	1 chicken soup
1 fruit sauce	1 potato salad dry
1 lemon cheese	1 rice
2 tuna canned	1 low fat milk powder
1 mint jelly	
1 coffee extract dry	

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Jam	Contained a worker honey bee weighing 95 milligrams	Importer cautioned & complainant informed
Bread	Contained 2 pieces of grey coloured cardboard together weighing 0.183 grammes derived from a single torn piece (apparently derived from a box) and cut through with the bread by the string machine	Complainant informed and bakery cautioned

Tomatoes canned	Contained two flies of the Musca species which were not specifically identified because they were not of British origin. They had been cooked and together weighed 33 mgs.	Importer cautioned
Cheese	Contained a fragment of herbivore dung measuring (4x4x1)mm. and weighing 7 mgms.	Manufacturer cautioned
Part Crunchie bar	Parts of a moth too badly damaged for identification were pressed into the chocolate covering two separated places on the side of the bar. The legs were deeply entangled with the chocolate so it must have alighted when the coating was soft. The moth gave both phosphatase and calalase reactions so it must have alighted when the chocolate was relatively cool. It weighed 1.5 mgms.	Complainant informed. Manufacturer cautioned.
Biscuits	Howard mould count 81%. Should not be greater than 50%	Formal sample advised.
Tomatoes (in tomato juice) canned	Howard mould count 80% of the fields contained mould fragments. Should not weigh more than 25% positive fields.	Importer communicated with.
Tuna fish canned	Contained a fly of the Musca family weighing 36 mgms. and measuring 8 mms.in length. It had been cooked.	Importer cautioned - complainant informed.
Part steak,kidney & mushroom pie	Contained 1 larger,8 smaller pieces of Spagnum peat probably incorporated into the pie with the mushrooms. Total weight 0.13gm.	Complainant informed.
Blackcurrant drink to be diluted	Vitamin C content only 40 mgms.per fluid ounce,compared with 75 mgms. per fluid ounce declared.	Stock withdrawn.
Blackcurrant drink to be diluted	Vitamin C content only 64 mgms.per fluid ounce,compared with 75 mgms. per fluid ounce declared.	do.
Smoked salmon	Sample consisted of 2 packets, first contained 58 parts per million of sodium nitrite and 56 parts per million of sodium nitrate; second contained 22 parts per million of sodium nitrite and 6 parts per million of sodium nitrate. The nitrites and nitrate of sodium are preservatives as defined in Reg.2 of the Preservatives in Food Regs. 1962, and may only be used in foods specified in those regulations. Smoked salmon is not a food so specified and the use of preservative is therefore an offence against Reg.3. The packet should also have been marked with a list of ingredients.	Importers cautioned
Low fat milk powder	Contained a dead but uncooked beetle of the family Scarabaeidae(Aphodius rufipes)of length 10mm.and weight 28mgms.together with 4 small mites which may have been parasites on the beetle.	Manufacturer cautioned



## SECTION G. GENERAL.

### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951

There are no premises in the district used for the manufacture of rag flock or other filling materials. Registrations are in force for three premises where filling materials are used.

### PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

There are two licensed pet shops in Prestwich. Inspections were made to ensure that the premises and accommodation provided for the animals complied with the Act.

### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

One licence in force for the boarding of 34 cats.

### SHOPS ACT 1950

Routine visits were made to shops within the Borough in connection with the various requirements of the Act, especially in regard to closing hours and half day closing.

There are 52 Jewish traders registered under s.53 of the Act who, because of their religion, do not trade on the Jewish Sabbath but are allowed to trade on Sundays until 2 p.m. Two new registrations were granted during the year.

Since the Shops (Early Closing Days) Act 1965 came into operation shopkeepers have been able to choose their own early closing day hitherto known as the weekly half holiday. The power of local authorities to make orders fixing the day is now abolished and existing early closing day orders ceased to have effect on 5th November 1965. In Prestwich this affected one order made under the Shops Act 1950 for the following classes of business:

grocery and provisions; greengrocery and fish; fruit, flowers and meat; ironmongers and crockery; drapery, hosiery and fents; sports and port-manteaux and harness.

The occupier of a shop is now required to keep conspicuously displayed, so as to be visible from outside the shop at an entrance used by its customers, a notice specifying the chosen day. The chosen day cannot be varied more frequently than once every three months.

### HAIRDRESSING ESTABLISHMENTS

The Hairdressers and Barbers Byelaws made under s.77 of the Public Health Act 1961 came into operation on 1st January 1964. There are approximately 50 such businesses in Prestwich, the majority being ladies' hairdressers. These establishments have all been inspected to ensure they are maintaining the standards required by the byelaws, with particular reference to the provision of suitable equipment for sterilising instruments, washing facilities and cleanliness.

### PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT 1928. STORAGE OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

This local authority has adopted the Home Office Model Code of Principles of Construction, and licensing conditions for the keeping of petroleum spirit under the Act. The conditions laid down are mainly to minimise the risk of fire. All new installations are inspected and have to comply with the Model Code before a licence is issued. All new storage tanks for petroleum spirit are pressure tested at 10 lbs. per sq.in. and must hold this pressure to be passed as satisfactory.

Annual licences were granted to 21 firms for the keeping of petroleum to which the Petroleum Acts apply, and to 4 firms for cellulose solution.

There are now four self-service stations, two attended, the other two unattended, and note acceptor units have been installed at three of these. With the advent of self-service greater importance is being given to the inspection and testing of the specialised equipment being installed.

GAME ACT 1831

Two licences to deal in game were granted by the Council.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES

There are three licensed hackney carriages plying for hire in the district. One hackney carriage driver's licence was renewed and one new licence issued.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1964

One licence was renewed under this Act. The premises were inspected by the veterinary surgeon who is the Council's authorised Inspector under this Act and was found to be satisfactory, all statutory requirements being complied with.

BYELAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

	Dated
Removal of offensive matter	1st August 1947
Nuisances	1st August 1947
Offensive trades	1st October 1947
Good rule and government	1st April 1948
Hackney carriages	1st January 1949 amended 1st June 1959
Prohibiting the sale of contra- ceptives in slot machines	25th January 1950
Sale of clean food	30th May 1950
Good rule and government:	
Noisy conduct at night and	December 1957
Parking on grass verges	
Deposit of litter	May 1956
Hairdressers and barbers	16th September 1963

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

	Class of premises				
	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops ware- houses	Catering estab- lishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
a)No.premises newly regd.during year	4	4	-	-	-
b)No.regd.premises at end of year	64	183	9	34	-
c)No.regd.premises receiving general inspection during year	9	23	Nil	3	-
d)No.exemptions current at end of year	-	-	-	-	-
Space s.5(2)	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature s.6	-	-	-	-	-
San.convs. s.9	-	-	-	-	-
Washing facil- ities s.10	-	-	-	-	-
e)No.visits of all kinds by inspector to registered premises					- 67
f)Details of prosecutions during the year					- 2
R.Wood and J.A.Hyman Ltd.prosecuted and found guilty of numerous contraventions under the Food Hygiene Regula- tions on 17th November and 27th October 1971 respectively.					

No.of persons employed:

Offices	223	Catering establishments	119
Retail shops	578	Canteens	7
Wholesale shops,warehouses	29	Fuel storage depots	-
Total: 956 (371 males, 585 females)			

All registered premises in Prestwich have received a general inspection.



APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR  
1971 FOR THE BOROUGH OF PRESTWICH IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by public health inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
1. Factories in which ss.1,2,3,4,6 are to be enforced by local authorities	-	-	-	-
2. Factories not incl.in (1) in which s.7 is enforced by local authority	58	6	2	-
3. Other premises in which s.7 is enforced by local authority (excl. outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	58	6	2	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars  (1)	No. of cases where defects found				No. of cases where prosecutions instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			To HM Inspector  (4)	By HM Inspector  (5)	
Want of cleanliness s.1	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding s.2	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature s.3	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation s.4	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors s.6	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences s.7					
a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) unsuitable or defective	2	Nil	-	-	-
c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act(not incl.offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	Nil	-	-	-

OUTWORK. Ss.110 and 111.

There are 8 registered outworkers in Prestwich, all employed in the making of Christmas decorations.





